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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on March 29, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

On September 13, 2007, an Examiner's Answer was entered into the record. On page 3 of the examiner's answer, the examiner incorporated a prior Office action mailed on November 2, 2006 into the examiner's answer. MPEP § 1207.02 states in part:

. . . An examiner's answer should not refer, either directly or indirectly, to any prior Office action without fully restating the point relied on in the answer...

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) vacate the Examiner's Answer mailed September 13, 2007, and issue a revised Examiner's Answer providing a complete statement in the grounds of rejection; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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